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## **GOVERNOR DAVIS ASKS CALIFORNIANS TO USE CESAR CHAVEZ DAY TO VOLUNTEER**

*Students, State Workers Should Use Their Day Off to Serve Their Community*

**SACRAMENTO** – Governor Gray Davis today called on Californians to use the second annual Cesar Chavez Day state holiday to volunteer in their community.

“This state holiday should be used to commemorate Cesar Chavez’s legacy of service to others,” Gov. Davis said. “State workers and students with the time off will learn how rewarding it can be to give back to the community.”

In 2000, Gov. Davis signed legislation to create the Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning. In December 2001, Gov. Davis announced \$4 million for Service-Learning projects across the state that would combine K-12 curriculum with a service project in honor of the late labor leader. On April 1, 2002, individuals, business and community leaders, teachers and school children will unite in meaningful service projects that commemorate the legacy of Cesar Chavez and the principles he embodied.

The Governor’s Office on Service and Volunteerism (GO SERV) has funded 64 service projects across the state for Cesar Chavez Day. Volunteer opportunities for this day can be found at [www.chavezday.ca.gov](http://www.chavezday.ca.gov) or at [www.goserv.ca.gov](http://www.goserv.ca.gov).

“I urge Californians to take this day to serve our communities so that the spirit of volunteerism will encourage us to answer the call to serve, everyday,” Gov. Davis said.

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